ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This discloses the art which can significant improve operability by automatically discriminating a plurality of image orientations which are not assured

5   of always being fed in common orientations and reduce possible burdens to operators by eliminating efforts required to arrange the images in a common orientation before feeding or to correct each orientations into a common orientation after feeding.

10   This also discloses the art which can improve the operability also by enabling modes in which orientation discrimination as well as tilt corrections can be performed before operator's instructions, if the Auto mode has been specified for the orientation recognition

15   function.

This also discloses the art which can improve accuracy of processing by determining whether orientations or tilts recognition is proper and providing the result of the judgements to operators.

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